



STATE OF MISSOURI  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION  
DIVISION OF PURCHASING AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT (DPMM)  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

AMENDMENT NO.: 1  
RFP NO.: B3Z13044  
TITLE: Missouri Tourism Trade Show Services  
ISSUE DATE: 10/1/12

REQ NO.: NR 419 30701300001  
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CONTRACT PERIOD: Effective Date of Contract through One Year

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Missouri Division of Tourism  
Truman Bldg, 301 West High Street, Room 290  
Jefferson City MO 65101

The offeror hereby declares understanding, agreement and certification of compliance to provide the items and/or services, at the prices quoted, in accordance with all terms and conditions, requirements, and specifications of the original RFP as modified by this and any previously issued RFP amendments. The offeror should, as a matter of clarity and assurance, also sign and return all previously issued RFP amendment(s) and the original RFP document. The offeror agrees that the language of the original RFP as modified by this and any previously issued RFP amendments shall govern in the event of a conflict with his/her proposal. The offeror further agrees that upon receipt of an authorized purchase order from the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management or when a Notice of Award is signed and issued by an authorized official of the State of Missouri, a binding contract shall exist between the offeror and the State of Missouri.

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**Amendment #1 to RFP B313044**

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The following paragraphs in RFP B3Z13044 have been amended:

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## **1. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **1.1 Introduction:**

1.1.1 This document constitutes a request for competitive, sealed proposals for assistance with travel and tourism-related trade shows as set forth herein.

1.1.2 Organization - This document, referred to as a Request for Proposal (RFP), is divided into the following parts:

- 1) Introduction and General Information
- 2) Contractual Requirements
- 3) Proposal Submission Information
- 4) Pricing Page(s)
- 5) Exhibits A - H
- 6) Terms and Conditions

**1.2 Pre-Proposal Conference - A pre-proposal conference regarding this Request for Proposal will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 1:30 PM in Room 493 of the Harry S Truman Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.**

1.2.1 Pre-Proposal Conference Agenda - The offeror should bring a copy of the RFP since it will be used as the agenda for the pre-proposal conference.

1.2.2 Pre-Proposal Conference RFP Questions – All potential offerors are encouraged to attend the Pre-Proposal Conference as it will be used as the forum for questions, communications, and discussions regarding the RFP. The offeror should become familiar with the RFP and develop all questions prior to the conference in order to ask questions and otherwise participate in the public communications regarding the RFP.

- a. Prior Communication – Prior to the Pre-Proposal Conference, the offeror may submit written communications and/or questions regarding the RFP to the buyer identified on page one. Such prior communication will provide the State of Missouri with insight into areas of the RFP which may be brought up for discussion during the conference and which may require clarification.
- b. During the Pre-Proposal Conference, it shall be the sole responsibility of the offeror to orally address all issues previously presented to the buyer by the offeror, including any questions regarding the RFP or areas of the RFP requiring clarification.
- c. Amendment to the RFP - Any changes needed to the RFP as a result of discussions from the Pre-Proposal Conference will be accomplished as an amendment to the RFP. Neither formal minutes of the conference nor written records of the questions/communications will be maintained.

1.2.3 Pre-Proposal Conference Special Accommodations - Offerors are strongly encouraged to advise the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management within five (5) working days of the scheduled pre-proposal conference of any special accommodations needed for disabled personnel who will be attending the conference so that these accommodations can be made.

### **1.3 Background Information:**

1.3.1 Recognizing the role of tourism in creating a strong economy for Missouri, the 74<sup>th</sup> General Assembly created the Missouri Tourism Commission in 1967. The Division of Tourism is the administrative arm of the commission. The Division of Tourism is an agency of the Department of Economic Development.

- a. The Division of Tourism is responsible for promoting Missouri as a premier destination for tourists from throughout the United States and from around the world. The Division is dedicated to

increasing Missouri's share of the growing international and ethnic tourism markets, as well as encouraging visitation from the 80 million Americans who live within a day's drive of Missouri.

- b. The Missouri Tourism Commission consists of 10 members:
  - 1) The lieutenant governor;
  - 2) Two members of the Senate of different political parties, appointed by the president pro tem of the Senate;
  - 3) Two members of the House of Representative of different political parties, appointed by the speaker of the House; and
  - 4) Five other persons appointed by the governor who may include, but are not limited to, persons engaged in tourist-oriented operations. No more than three of the governor's appointees shall be of the same political party.
- c. The Chairman of the Commission and the director of the Division of Tourism report to each regular session of the General Assembly, recommending legislation in the field of tourism promotion and related subjects in Missouri.
- d. Specific activities of the Division of Tourism include:
  - 1) Creating research-based marketing programs to generate a distinctive image for the State and attract greater numbers of visitors who stay in Missouri for longer periods of time.
  - 2) Providing timely information about Missouri for consumers and groups expressing interest in visiting Missouri and requesting information. In the United States, various methods are used to provide information, including use of a VisitMO.com website and providing a printed and on-line version of a publication, *The Missouri Travel Guide* through the website (<http://www.visitmo.com/>) and toll free numbers. In addition, the Division of Tourism operates seven (7) Welcome Centers at key entry points to the State of Missouri. *The Missouri Travel Guide* is distributed through the Welcome Centers, Chambers of Commerce, and Convention and Visitors Bureaus.
  - 3) Engaging in public relations activities, including the distribution of regular news releases and newsletters as well as conducting press trips and media missions, participating in trade shows and pitching stories to encourage favorable news coverage for Missouri tourism destinations.
  - 4) Maintaining close working relationships with tourism organizations, including the United States Travel Association (USTA); National Tour Association; American Bus Association, DiscoverAmerica and Brand USA organizations, and other key domestic organizations as well as working closely with tourism-related constituencies within Missouri such as the Missouri Travel Council and the Missouri Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus, to develop cooperative marketing partnerships.
  - 5) Conducting systematic research to measure both past marketing efforts and to look at current consumer and travel trade trends.
- e. To review the Division's most current research, including Economic Impact and the Annual report, visit the industry section at <http://www.visitmo.com>. Offerors should request a FY12 Marketing Plan by contacting Stacia Dawson via email at [stacia.dawson@oa.mo.gov](mailto:stacia.dawson@oa.mo.gov) and providing a complete mailing address.
  - 1) Fulfillment Packet - The current Missouri Division of Tourism fulfillment packet normally includes the Missouri Travel Guide and the Official State Highway Map. Approximately 300,000 fulfillment packets were distributed in response to consumer inquiries during the last Fiscal Year. (Missouri Fiscal Years begin each July 1 and end each June 30). In response to

each inquiry on the website or through the use of toll free telephone number in the US, a Missouri Division of Tourism Fulfillment Packet is mailed at either bulk or first class mail rate.

- ✓ The Missouri Division of Tourism Fulfillment Packet is available electronically from the VisitMo.com website.

- 1.3.2 Other contract records – The State of Missouri, Division of Purchasing and Materials Management has several existing contracts for the Division of Tourism for related services. All these contracts and the proposal and evaluation documentation leading to the award of the contract are available be viewed and printed from the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management’s Awarded Bid & Contract Document Search System located on the Internet at the following web address. Information about some of the related contracts is provided below:

<http://www.oa.mo.gov/purch>

- a. Management of the Tour and Travel Services - C308099001 – The State of Missouri has an existing contract, C308099001, with Legacy Dimensions, for the management of tour and travel services (domestic and international). The contract will expire on September 30, 2012. To review the contract or the proposal and evaluation documentation leading to the award of the contract, search by the contract number, C308099001, or the bid number, B3Z08099, on the Awarded Bid & Contract Document Search System.
  - 1) Services to manage the Division of Tourism’s Tour and Travel programs are no longer being used. Instead, the Division of Tourism has elected to narrow the focus of the services primarily to assistance with Trade Shows.
  - 2) A list of the trade shows in which the Division has participated in the past year is included in the FY 12 Marketing Plan.
- b. Advertising Agency of Record services - C311078001 - The State of Missouri has a contract with Hoffman Lewis for Advertising Agency of Record services. To find information about the contract or the procurement process, search by the contract number, C311078001, or the bid number, B3Z11078, to find information on the Awarded Bid & Contract Document Search System.
- c. Research services - C310139001, C310139002, C310139003, C310139004 - Search by the contract number or the bid number, B3Z10139 to find information on the Awarded Bid & Contract Document Search System.
- d. Design, Production, Printing for Missouri Travel Guide Publication - C310016001-Search by the contract number or the bid number, B3Z10016, to find information on the Awarded Bid & Contract Document Search System.

- 1.3.3 Although an attempt has been made to provide accurate and up-to-date information, the State of Missouri does not warrant or represent that the background information provided herein reflects all relationships or existing conditions related to this Request for Proposal.

## **2. CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **2.1 General Requirements:**

- 2.1.1 The contractor shall provide assistance to the Missouri Tourism Commission/Division of Tourism (hereinafter referred to as the “state agency”) with trade shows and events in accordance with the provisions and requirements specified herein.
- 2.1.2 The contractor shall furnish all material, labor, facilities, equipment, and supplies necessary to perform the services required herein to the sole satisfaction of the state agency.

### **2.2 Contractor Personnel Qualifications and Service Requirements:**

- 2.2.1 Main contact person - Although the state agency may approve some of the services being provided by another person, the contractor must provide a single person who shall serve as the main contact person for the state agency and the tourism industry. This person must be available as needed by the state agency and must be officially domiciled within the geographic boundaries of State of Missouri. The contractor shall agree and understand that primary contact between the state agency and the contractor shall be through such main contact person. The contractor must have access to the Internet and possess an Internet electronic mail address to permit communications with the state agency via the electronic medium. The main contact person must meet or exceed the following minimum qualifications:
  - a. Must have a thorough knowledge of the tourism industry including the Missouri tourism industry as well and domestic and international tourism industry,
  - b. Must have prior experience working different types of trade shows, and
  - c. Must have experience working with public relations and advertising agencies.
- 2.2.2 Other personnel – The contractor shall agree and understand that any other personnel providing services pursuant to the provisions of the contract must also be qualified through experience and expertise in the tour and travel industry. Therefore, any such personnel should meet or exceed the following qualifications:
  - a. Should have knowledge of the tourism industry, and
  - b. Should have prior experience working different types of trade shows.
- 2.2.3 Substitution of Personnel - The contractor agrees and understands that the State of Missouri's agreement to the contract is predicated in part on the utilization of the specific key individual(s) and/or personnel qualifications identified in the proposal. Therefore, the contractor agrees that no substitution of such specific key individual(s) and/or personnel qualifications shall be made without the prior written approval of the state agency. The contractor further agrees that any substitution made pursuant to this paragraph must be equal or better than originally proposed and that the state agency's approval of a substitution shall not be construed as an acceptance of the substitution's performance potential. The State of Missouri agrees that an approval of a substitution will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 2.2.4 Authorized Personnel:
  - a. The contractor shall only employ personnel authorized to work in the United States in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. This includes but is not limited to the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) and INA Section 274A.
  - b. If the contractor is found to be in violation of this requirement or the applicable state, federal and local laws and regulations, and if the State of Missouri has reasonable cause to believe that the contractor has knowingly employed individuals who are not eligible to work in the United States, the state shall have the right to cancel the contract immediately without penalty or recourse and suspend

or debar the contractor from doing business with the state. The state may also withhold up to twenty-five percent of the total amount due to the contractor.

- c. The contractor shall agree to fully cooperate with any audit or investigation from federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies.
- d. If the contractor meets the definition of a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo, pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo, the contractor shall maintain enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the contracted services included herein. If the contractor's business status changes during the life of the contract to become a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo, pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo, then the contractor shall, prior to the performance of any services as a business entity under the contract:
  - 1) Enroll and participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services required herein; AND
  - 2) Provide to the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management the documentation required in the exhibit titled, Business Entity Certification, Enrollment Documentation, and Affidavit of Work Authorization affirming said company's/individual's enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program; AND
  - 3) Submit to the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management a completed, notarized Affidavit of Work Authorization provided in the exhibit titled, Business Entity Certification, Enrollment Documentation, and Affidavit of Work Authorization.
- e. In accordance with subsection 2 of section 285.530, RSMo, the contractor should renew their Affidavit of Work Authorization annually. A valid Affidavit of Work Authorization is necessary to award any new contracts.

## **2.3 Work Plan Requirements:**

2.3.1 Work Plan – As the state agency identifies the need for the contractor's services to perform a project, the state agency shall contact the contractor and request a work plan for the project. When requesting a work plan, the state agency shall either schedule a meeting with the contractor (either in person or via telephone or electronic communication) to discuss the project, or shall provide the contractor with written information regarding the services desired. The state agency's request will explain in detail the scope of the project and basic information regarding the tasks the state agency anticipates will be included, including any of the following, as applicable:

- a. applicable business and technical specifications,
- b. a description of the type and focus of the potential project,
- c. specific instructions, standards, and requirements applicable to the project, including but not limited to budget limitations, progress report requirements, etc.
- d. any applicable implementation/completion dates, and
- e. a due date for submission of the work plan to the state agency.

2.3.2 Potential Services/Projects - The contractor shall agree and understand that actual services that may be required by the State of Missouri are not known. However, the state agency anticipates most services needed will focus around state agency representation at tourism-related trade shows and membership/participation in travel trade organizations, and may consist of any or all of the following types of requirements:

- a. Trade Show and Travel Trade Representation and Projects, such as, but not limited to initial research, marketing, coordination, and representation, attendance, and membership. Trade shows



may include any or all of the shows identified in FY12 Marketing Plan or any other trade shows identified by the state agency. Membership/attendance may be required for

- 1) Missouri Travel Council Meetings
- 2) Missouri Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus (MACVB)
- 3) Missouri Tourism Commission Meetings
- 4) Missouri Governor's Conference

b. Outreach projects to travel professionals such as e-newsletters, database updates, etc.

2.3.3 Work Plan Submission - By no later than the due date specified by the state agency, the contractor shall develop and submit the written work plan to the state agency. The contractor must, at a minimum, include the following detailed information in the written work plan along with any other information required by the state agency, unless the scope of the project renders certain information not applicable:

- a. Title of the proposed services/project.
- b. General short description of the proposed services/project.
- c. Scope of the proposed services/project including specific activities and methodology that will be performed.
- d. Manpower hours and effort required by both the contractor (and state agency or other State of Missouri personnel, if applicable).
- e. Time periods that will be affected, including projected implementation date and completion date, etc.

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- f. **A total guaranteed not to exceed price** that shall constitute the amount the contractor shall be paid if authorized to perform the services/project. Such total guaranteed not to exceed price shall be based on the firm fixed hourly price specified in the contract and shall include all costs and expenses, including travel expenses and actual time working on the progress and final reports, necessary to perform the project.
- g. Signature and date lines for both the contractor and the state agency's authorized signatures to signify approval.

2.3.4 Oral Presentation of Work Plan - If required by the state agency, the contractor shall orally present the contractor's work plan to the state agency and/or other State of Missouri designees. If required, such presentation shall be scheduled by the state agency with at least fifteen (15) calendar days notice to the contractor, unless otherwise mutually approved by both parties.

2.3.5 Changes to Work Plan - The contractor shall agree and understand that the state agency shall have the right to reject the contractor's work plan, or any portion thereof, for any reason and shall have the right to require modifications, changes, and additional elaboration to the work plan as deemed necessary in order to ensure a comprehensive project and to ensure that the contractor's proposed services are acceptable and will accomplish the desired objectives. Any negotiations regarding the work plan shall be conducted by the state agency.

2.3.6 Acceptance/Rejection of Work Plan - If the work plan is approved for implementation, the state agency shall provide the contractor with written acceptance of the contractor's work plan and authorization to proceed. If accepted, the contractor and the state agency must indicate mutual acceptance of the work plan by signing and dating the final work plan in the signature blanks included in the plan. If the state agency decides not to proceed with the work plan, the state agency shall notify the contractor of such rejection, in writing.

- 2.3.7 Implementation/Execution of Work Plan - After receipt of written authorization to proceed, the contractor shall perform the services required for the project in accordance with the written work plan accepted by the state agency. Unless otherwise specified in the written work plan, the contractor shall furnish all material, labor, facilities, equipment, and supplies necessary to perform the services.
- 2.3.8 Progress Reports - Immediately after receipt of the authorization to proceed for a project, the contractor shall begin providing an electronic progress report to the state agency for review which must briefly describe those items listed below. The progress report will be required on a regularly scheduled basis consistent with the project being performed. The state agency will specify the required scheduling for such progress reports at the time of request for a work plan. It is anticipated that most projects will require monthly reporting, however the need for weekly or even daily reporting is a possibility:
- a. The specific accomplishments achieved during the reporting period;
  - b. An expenditure report and budget status spreadsheet that details the status of the contractor's budget showing budgeted figures vs. actual expenses and future projections for administrative functions; marketing and outreach, state agency representation, and any additional, miscellaneous costs.
  - c. The specific services completed pursuant to the provisions of the contract and the work plan and the completion dates of such tasks.
  - d. The specific planned activities for the upcoming month;
  - e. The specific services and activities and projected completion date(s) remaining to be completed pursuant to the provisions of the contract and the work plan.
  - f. Any other pertinent information and accomplishments from the month;
- 2.3.9 Modifications to Work Plan - After implementation/execution of a work plan, modifications to the written work plan shall be permitted for reasons deemed necessary and approved by the state agency pursuant to the following conditions:
- a. State agency requested changes – If the state agency determines that modifications to the written work plan are necessary or desired, the state agency will document the requested changes to the contractor in writing with any new instructions for the project. Based on the written instructions provided by the state agency, the contractor must revise the written work plan according to the requirements for the written work plan specified herein, including any resulting changes in the amount to be paid to the contractor, etc.
  - b. Contractor requested changes - If, after implementation of services, the contractor determines that modifications to the written work plan are necessary, the contractor must submit a written request to the state agency for changes. The written request must include the reason for the modification and must detail the contractor's proposed changes to the written work plan, including any resulting changes in the amount to be paid to the contractor, etc. The contractor shall agree and understand that the state agency will review the written request of the contractor and shall send written notice of approval or disapproval of the request to the contractor.
  - c. The contractor shall agree and understand that the state agency shall have the final approval of all individual components of the written work plans revised as specified herein and reserves the right to require modifications (including changes in the price, completion date, etc), deletions, and or additional elaboration to the written work plan as the state agency deems necessary. The contractor shall agree and understand that the decision by the state agency shall be final and without recourse.
  - d. The contractor shall not proceed with implementation of services related to the modifications until final written approval of the state agency is obtained.
- 2.3.10 Termination of Work Plan - The state agency shall have the right to terminate any project at any time at the sole discretion of the state agency, without penalty or recourse, by giving written notice to the contractor at least five working days prior to the effective date of such termination. In the event of

termination pursuant to this paragraph, all documents, data, reports, and accomplishments prepared, furnished or completed by the contractor pursuant to the terms of the contract shall, at the option of the State of Missouri, become the property of the State of Missouri. The contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation at the firm fixed hourly prices specified in the contract for work completed in accordance with the work plan prior to the effective date of the termination.

2.3.11 Final Report - By no later than the time approved in the written work plan, the contractor shall provide the state agency with an electronic copy of a final written report documenting the results of the project.

- a. The final written report shall include, but not be limited to including, the following:
  - 1) Title of the services/project,
  - 2) A detailed description of the project performed including a full and complete description of each solution used, and the results, if applicable, time period, etc.
  - 3) Positive and negative aspects affecting the State of Missouri, provider community, or others, as applicable,
  - 4) Policy/procedural changes implemented, including citation of applicable rule or regulation pertaining to project.
- b. The state agency shall have the right to modify and/or to require additional elaboration of the final report as it deems necessary to ensure a comprehensive and thorough written report of all services provided and work performed in the performance project.
- c. If required by the state agency, the contractor shall make at least one (1) oral presentation of the final report to persons or organizations as deemed necessary by the state agency.

## **2.4 As needed, hourly services**

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- 2.4.1 The state agency shall also require the contractor's services on an as needed, hourly consultative basis and will not require the contractor to design and execute a "project". In such event, as the state agency identifies the need for such services, the state agency shall contact the contractor and schedule such services on an as needed, if needed, contingency basis. The contractor shall have prior written state agency approval before providing as needed hourly services. The timing and scheduling of any such services shall be mutually agreed between the contractor and the state agency at the time of the request for services.
- 2.4.2 An example of an hourly service that the state agency anticipates needing relates to updates to the state agency's professional tour database. The contractor shall provide the state agency with all leads that the contractor identifies so that the state agency can distribute the leads to the Missouri tourism industry and can perform any marketing and public relations activities as necessary to complete progress toward goals in the annual marketing plan.

## **2.5 Other Requirement:**

- 2.5.1 The contractor shall submit each report in electronic format (email). In submitting reports electronically, the contractor's computer system must be compatible with the state agency's computer system. The contractor shall agree and understand that the decision of compatibility rests with the state agency and the decision of the state agency shall be final and without recourse. Experience has shown that Macintosh - type conversions have not been completely compatible with the state agency's system.
- 2.5.2 Conflict of Interest – In order to ensure that there is no real or perceived conflict of interest of accounts, the contractor shall comply with the following provisions regarding other competing tourism related accounts:

- a. The contractor shall not, at any time during the life of the contract, be employed by or accept other competing tourism related accounts determined by the state agency to reflect a real or perceived conflict of interest. The state agency shall have the final determination as to what constitutes a competing tourism account reflecting a real or perceived conflict of interest pursuant to this provision. The decision by the state agency shall be final and without recourse, however, the state agency will not make any such decision without providing the contractor an opportunity to present comments.
  - 1) If the contractor represents another state's tourism office at the time of award of the contract, the contractor must notify the state agency of such account(s). The state agency will review the account, and if such account is determined to be a competing tourism related account, the contractor shall be required to cancel the account, including all financial and legal obligations and responsibilities, within ten (10) calendar days of the contract award, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the state agency.
  - 2) In addition, if the contractor is considering accepting a new tourism related account, the contractor must provide the state agency with information about the account prior to the contractor accepting the account business. The state agency will review the account and shall notify the contractor in writing, if the account is determined to be a competing tourism related account. The contractor shall not accept any new tourism related accounts unless approved in writing by the state agency.
  - 3) For informational purposes, accounts for other agencies of the State of Missouri and for tourism destinations, organizations, and attractions within Missouri are not considered to be competing tourism related accounts pursuant to this paragraph. Accounts for other tourism destinations, organizations, and attractions outside the State of Missouri such as other countries, non-Missouri cities, non-Missouri counties, and non-Missouri destinations shall be reviewed on a case by case basis by the state agency.
- b. If a tourism related account is determined to be a competing account by the state agency and if the contractor accepts the new account or fails to cancel such account upon notification by the state agency that a real or perceived conflict will be deemed to exist shall constitute a material breach of the contract and shall be subject to available remedies, including, but not limited to contract cancellation.

2.5.3 The contractor must maintain financial and accounting records and evidence pertaining to the contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and other procedures specified by the state agency.

- a. The contractor shall make all such records, books, and other documents relevant to the contract available to the state agency and its designees and the Missouri State Auditor in an acceptable format and at all reasonable times during the term of the contract, and for three (3) years from the date of final payment on the contract or the completion of an independent audit, whichever is later. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other actions involving the records has been started before the expiration of the retention period, the contractor shall retain such records until completion of the action and resolution of all issues that arise from it. Failure to retain adequate documentation for any service billed may result in recovery of payments for services not adequately documented.
- b. The contractor shall permit governmental auditors and authorized representatives of the State of Missouri to have access, for the purpose of audit or examination, to any of the contractor's books, documents, papers, and records recording receipts and disbursements of any of the funds paid to the contractor. The contractor further agrees that any audit exception noted by governmental auditors shall not be paid by the state agency and shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor. However, the contractor shall have the right to contest any such exception by any legal procedure the

contractor deems appropriate. The state agency will pay the contractor all amounts which the contractor may ultimately be held entitled to receive as a result of any such legal action.

## **2.6 Invoicing and Payment Requirements:**

- 2.6.1 Prior to any payments becoming due under the contract, the contractor must return a completed state Vendor Input/ACH-EFT Application, which is downloadable from the Vendor Services Portal at: <https://www.vendorservices.mo.gov/vendorservices/Portal/Default.aspx>.
- a. The contractor understands and agrees that the State of Missouri reserves the right to make contract payments through electronic funds transfer (EFT).
  - b. The contractor must submit invoices on the contractor's original descriptive business invoice form and must use a unique invoice number with each invoice submitted. The unique invoice number will be listed on the State of Missouri's EFT addendum record to enable the contractor to properly apply the state agency's payment to the invoice submitted. The contractor may obtain detailed information for payments issued for the past 24 months from the State of Missouri's central accounting system (SAM II) on the Vendor Services Portal at:  
<https://www.vendorservices.mo.gov/vendorservices/Portal/Default.aspx>
- 2.6.2 The contractor shall invoice the state agency for the actual hours spent working on the assigned services at the firm fixed hourly price specified in the contract. The contractor shall support all hours invoiced with detailed time sheets indicating the hours worked each day.
- 2.6.3 After approval by the state agency of the invoice and services provided, the contractor shall be paid for services for personnel time in accordance with firm, fixed per hour price stated in the contract. The contractor shall be reimbursed for other costs and expenses previously approved by the state agency.
- a. If the contractor performed the services pursuant to an approved work plan, the maximum amount paid to the contractor for each project shall not exceed the guaranteed not to exceed total price approved by the state agency in the work plan for the project.
  - b. In addition, if other costs and expenses were pre-approved by the state agency as part of the services performed, including membership fees, etc, the contractor shall itemize such other costs and expenses incurred and shall be reimbursed by the state agency.
  - c. No other payments or reimbursements other than those specified herein shall be made to the contractor.
- 2.6.4 Notwithstanding any other payment provision of the contract, if the contractor fails to perform required work or services, fails to submit reports when due, or is indebted to the United States, the state agency may withhold payment or reject invoices under the contract.
- 2.6.5 If a request by the contractor for payment or reimbursement is denied, the state agency shall provide the contractor with written notice of the reason(s) for denial.
- 2.6.6 If the contractor is overpaid by the state agency, upon official notification by the state agency, the contractor shall provide the state agency (1) with a check payable as instructed by the state agency in the amount of such overpayment at the address specified by the state agency or (2) deduct the overpayment from the invoices as requested by the state agency.

## **2.7 Other Contractual Requirements:**

- 2.7.1 Contract - A binding contract shall consist of: (1) the RFP, amendments thereto, and any Best and Final Offer (BAFO) request(s) with RFP changes/additions, (2) the contractor's proposal including any contractor BAFO response(s), (3) clarification of the proposal, if any, and (4) the Division of Purchasing

and Materials Management's acceptance of the proposal by "notice of award". All Exhibits and Attachments included in the RFP shall be incorporated into the contract by reference.

- a. A notice of award issued by the State of Missouri does not constitute an authorization for shipment of equipment or supplies or a directive to proceed with services. Before providing equipment, supplies and/or services for the State of Missouri, the contractor must receive a properly authorized purchase order or other form of authorization given to the contractor at the discretion of the state agency.
- b. The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties and performance shall be governed solely by the specifications and requirements contained therein.
- c. Any change to the contract, whether by modification and/or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representative of the contractor and the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management prior to the effective date of such modification. The contractor expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document, including correspondence, acts, and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment or modification to the contract.

2.7.2 Contract Period - The original contract period shall be as stated on the Notice of Award. The contract shall not bind, nor purport to bind, the state for any contractual commitment in excess of the original contract period. The Division of Purchasing and Materials Management shall have the right, at its sole option, to renew the contract for two (2) additional one-year periods, or any portion thereof. In the event the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management exercises such right, all terms and conditions, requirements and specifications of the contract shall remain the same and apply during the renewal period, pursuant to applicable option clauses of this document.

2.7.3 Renewal Periods - If the option for renewal is exercised by the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management, the contractor shall agree that the prices for the renewal period shall not exceed the maximum price for the applicable renewal period stated on the Pricing Page of the contract.

- a. If renewal prices are not provided, then prices during renewal periods shall be the same as during the original contract period.
- b. In addition, the contractor shall understand and agree that renewal period price increases specified in the contract are not automatic. At the time of contract renewal, if the state determines funding does not permit the specified renewal pricing increase or even a portion thereof, the renewal pricing shall remain the same as during the previous contract period. If such action is rejected by the contractor, the contract may be terminated, and a new procurement process may be conducted. The contractor shall also understand and agree the state may determine funding limitations necessitate a decrease in the contractor's pricing for the renewal period(s). If such action is necessary and the contractor rejects the decrease, the contract may be terminated, and a new procurement process may be conducted.

2.7.4 Termination - The Division of Purchasing and Materials Management reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time, for the convenience of the State of Missouri, without penalty or recourse, by giving written notice to the contractor at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of such termination. The contractor shall be entitled to receive compensation for services and/or supplies delivered to and accepted by the State of Missouri pursuant to the contract prior to the effective date of termination.

- a. Termination - If funds are not appropriated, continued, or available at a sufficient level to fund the contract, or in the event of a change in federal or state law relevant to the contract, the obligations of each party may, at the sole discretion of the State of Missouri, be terminated in whole or in part,

effective immediately or as determined by the State of Missouri, upon written notice to the contractor from the State of Missouri.

2.7.5 Transition:

- a. Upon award of the contract, the contractor shall work with the state agency and any other organizations designated by the state agency to ensure an orderly transition of services and responsibilities under the contract and to ensure the continuity of those services required by the state agency.
- b. Upon expiration, termination, or cancellation of the contract, the contractor shall assist the state agency to ensure an orderly and smooth transfer of responsibility and continuity of those services required under the terms of the contract to an organization designated by the state agency. If requested by the state agency, the contractor shall provide and/or perform any or all of the following responsibilities:
  - 1) The contractor shall deliver, FOB destination, all records, documentation, reports, data, recommendations, or printing elements, etc., which were required to be produced under the terms of the contract to the state agency and/or to the state agency's designee within seven (7) days after receipt of the written request in a format and condition that are acceptable to the state agency.
  - 2) The contractor shall discontinue providing service or accepting new assignments under the terms of the contract, on the date specified by the state agency, in order to ensure the completion of such service prior to the expiration of the contract.
  - 3) If requested in writing via formal contract amendment, the contractor shall agree to continue providing any part or all of the services in accordance with the terms and conditions, requirements and specifications of the contract for a period not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days after the expiration, termination or cancellation date of the contract for a price not to exceed those prices set forth in the contract.

2.7.6 Contractor Liability - The contractor shall be responsible for any and all personal injury (including death) or property damage as a result of the contractor's negligence involving any equipment or service provided under the terms and conditions, requirements and specifications of the contract. In addition, the contractor assumes the obligation to save the State of Missouri, including its agencies, employees, and assignees, from every expense, liability, or payment arising out of such negligent act.

- a. The contractor also agrees to hold the State of Missouri, including its agencies, employees, and assignees, harmless for any negligent act or omission committed by any subcontractor or other person employed by or under the supervision of the contractor under the terms of the contract.
- b. The contractor shall not be responsible for any injury or damage occurring as a result of any negligent act or omission committed by the State of Missouri, including its agencies, employees, and assignees.
- c. Under no circumstances shall the contractor be liable for any of the following: (1) third party claims against the state for losses or damages (other than those listed above); (2) loss of, or damage to, the state's records or data; or (3) economic consequential damages (including lost profits or savings) or incidental damages, even if the contractor is informed of their possibility.

2.7.7 Insurance - The contractor shall understand and agree that the State of Missouri cannot save and hold harmless and/or indemnify the contractor or employees against any liability incurred or arising as a result of any activity of the contractor or any activity of the contractor's employees related to the contractor's performance under the contract. Therefore, the contractor must acquire and maintain adequate liability

insurance in the form(s) and amount(s) sufficient to protect the State of Missouri, its agencies, its employees, its clients, and the general public against any such loss, damage and/or expense related to his/her performance under the contract. General and other non-professional liability insurance shall include an endorsement that adds the State of Missouri as an additional insured. Self-insurance coverage or another alternative risk financing mechanism may be utilized provided that such coverage is verifiable and irrevocably reliable and the State of Missouri is protected as an additional insured.

- 2.7.8 Subcontractors - Any subcontracts for the products/services described herein must include appropriate provisions and contractual obligations to ensure the successful fulfillment of all contractual obligations agreed to by the contractor and the State of Missouri and to ensure that the State of Missouri is indemnified, saved, and held harmless from and against any and all claims of damage, loss, and cost (including attorney fees) of any kind related to a subcontract in those matters described in the contract between the State of Missouri and the contractor.
- a. The contractor shall expressly understand and agree that he/she shall assume and be solely responsible for all legal and financial responsibilities related to the execution of a subcontract.
  - b. The contractor shall agree and understand that utilization of a subcontractor to provide any of the products/services in the contract shall in no way relieve the contractor of the responsibility for providing the products/services as described and set forth herein.
  - c. The contractor must obtain the approval of the State of Missouri prior to establishing any new subcontracting arrangements and before changing any subcontractors. The approval shall not be arbitrarily withheld.
  - d. Pursuant to subsection 1 of section 285.530, RSMo, no contractor or subcontractor shall knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien to perform work within the state of Missouri. In accordance with sections 285.525 to 285.550, RSMo, a general contractor or subcontractor of any tier shall not be liable when such contractor or subcontractor contracts with its direct subcontractor who violates subsection 1 of section 285.530, RSMo, if the contract binding the contractor and subcontractor affirmatively states that
    - 1) The direct subcontractor is not knowingly in violation of subsection 1 of section 285.530, RSMo, and shall not henceforth be in such violation.
    - 2) The contractor or subcontractor receives a sworn affidavit under the penalty of perjury attesting to the fact that the direct subcontractor's employees are lawfully present in the United States.
- 2.7.9 Participation by Other Organizations - The contractor must comply with any Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop, Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE), and/or Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) participation levels committed to in the contractor's awarded proposal.
- a. The contractor shall prepare and submit to the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management a report detailing all payments made by the contractor to Organizations for the Blind/Sheltered Workshops, SDVEs, and/or MBE/WBEs participating in the contract for the reporting period. The contractor must submit the report on a monthly basis, unless otherwise determined by the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management.
  - b. The Division of Purchasing and Materials Management will monitor the contractor's compliance in meeting the Organizations for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop and SDVE participation levels committed to in the contractor's awarded proposal. The Division of Purchasing and Materials Management in conjunction with the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) will monitor the contractor's compliance in meeting the MBE/WBE participation levels committed to in the contractor's awarded proposal. If the contractor's payments to the participating entities are less than the amount committed, the state may cancel the contract and/or suspend or debar the contractor from



participating in future state procurements, or retain payments to the contractor in an amount equal to the value of the participation commitment less actual payments made by the contractor to the participating entity. If the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management determines that the contractor becomes compliant with the commitment, any funds retained as stated above, will be released.

- c. If a participating entity fails to retain the required certification or is unable to satisfactorily perform, the contractor must obtain other certified MBE/WBEs or other organizations for the blind/sheltered workshops or other SDVEs to fulfill the participation requirements committed to in the contractor's awarded proposal.
    - 1) The contractor must obtain the written approval of the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management for any new entities. This approval shall not be arbitrarily withheld.
    - 2) If the contractor cannot obtain a replacement entity, the contractor must submit documentation to the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management detailing all efforts made to secure a replacement. The Division of Purchasing and Materials Management shall have sole discretion in determining if the actions taken by the contractor constitute a good faith effort to secure the required participation and whether the contract will be amended to change the contractor's participation commitment.
  - d. Within thirty days of the end of the original contract period, the contractor must submit an affidavit to the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management. The affidavit must be signed by the director or manager of the participating Organizations for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop verifying provision of products and/or services and compliance of all contractor payments made to the Organizations for the Blind/Sheltered Workshops. The contractor may use the affidavit available on the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management's website at <http://oa.mo.gov/purch/vendor.html> or another affidavit providing the same information.
- 2.7.10 Contractor Status - The contractor represents himself or herself to be an independent contractor offering such services to the general public and shall not represent himself/herself or his/her employees to be an employee of the State of Missouri. Therefore, the contractor shall assume all legal and financial responsibility for taxes, FICA, employee fringe benefits, workers compensation, employee insurance, minimum wage requirements, overtime, etc., and agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the State of Missouri, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from and against, any and all loss; cost (including attorney fees); and damage of any kind related to such matters.
- 2.7.11 Coordination and Customer Service - The contractor shall fully coordinate all contract activities with those activities of the state agency. As the work of the contractor progresses, advice and information on matters covered by the contract shall be made available by the contractor to the state agency or the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management throughout the effective period of the contract.
- a. The contractor shall have internal customer service policies and procedures in place and shall perform ongoing quality control measures to ensure that the state agency's objectives are being met.
  - b. The contractor shall agree and understand that all discussions with the contractor and all information gained by the contractor as a result of the contractor's performance under the contract shall be confidential and that no reports, documentation, or material prepared as required by the contract shall be released to the public without the prior written consent of the state agency.
  - c. The contractor shall further agree that no reports, documentation, or material prepared, including the program(s) developed as required by the contract, shall be used or marketed by the contractor or released to the public without the prior written consent of the state agency.

- 2.7.12 Property of State – The contractor shall agree and understand that all documents, data, reports, supplies, equipment, and accomplishments prepared, furnished, or completed by the contractor pursuant to the terms of the contract shall become the property of the State of Missouri. Upon expiration, termination, or cancellation of the contract, said items shall become the property of the State of Missouri, which shall include all rights and interests for present and future use or sale as deemed appropriate by the state agency.
- a. The State of Missouri understands and agrees that any ancillary software tools or pre-printed materials (e.g., project management software tools or training software tools, etc.) developed or acquired by the contractor that may be necessary to perform a particular service required hereunder but not required as a specific deliverable of the contract, shall remain the property of the contractor; however, the contractor shall be responsible for ensuring such tools and materials are being used in accordance with applicable intellectual property rights and copyrights.
- 2.7.13 Commercial Drivers License - The contractor and the contractor's drivers who, in the provision of services under the contract: (1) operate any single vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of over 26,000 pounds or any combination vehicle with a Gross Combination Weight Rating of over 26,000 pounds provided the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds, (2) operate any size vehicle which requires hazardous materials placards, (3) operate any vehicle designed to transport more than 15 persons (including the driver) transports more than 15 persons, or (4) engage in any other activity outlined in the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act, must comply with all other requirements in the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act. The contractor must submit proof or verification of compliance with such Act to the state agency no later than 30 calendar days after award of the contract.
- 2.7.14 For Hire License (Class E) - The contractor and the contractor's drivers who, in the provision of services under the contract: (1) receive pay for driving a motor vehicle transporting 14 or fewer passengers or (2) transport property for pay or as part of their job must have a For Hire License (Class E). The vehicle driven must have a 26,000 pounds or less Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) or registered weight and not be required to be placarded for hazardous materials.
- 2.7.15 Inventions, Patents, and Copyrights:
- a. If any copyrighted material is developed as a result of the contract, the state agency shall have a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to publish or use, and to authorize others to use, the work for state agency purposes or the purpose of the State of Missouri.

### **3. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

#### **3.1 Submission of Proposals:**

- 3.1.1 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS THROUGH THE ON-LINE BIDDING/VENDOR REGISTRATION SYSTEM WEB SITE IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS RFP.
- 3.1.2 When submitting a proposal, the offeror should include five (5) additional copies along with their original proposal. The front cover of the original proposal should be labeled “original” and the front cover of all copies should be labeled “copy”.
- a. Recycled Products - The State of Missouri recognizes the limited nature of our resources and the leadership role of government agencies in regard to the environment. Accordingly, the offeror is requested, but not required, to print the proposal double sided using recycled paper, if possible, and minimize or eliminate the use of non-recyclable materials such as plastic report covers, plastic dividers, vinyl sleeves, and binding. Lengthy proposals may be submitted using printer or other loose leaf paper in a notebook or binder.
  - b. Open Records - Pursuant to section 610.021, RSMo, the offeror’s proposal shall be considered an open record after a contract is executed or all proposals are rejected. At that time, all proposals are scanned into the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management imaging system.
    - 1) The scanned information will be available for viewing through the Internet from the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management Awarded Bid & Contract Document Search system. Therefore, the offeror is advised not to include any information in the proposal that the offeror does not want to be viewed by the public, including personal identifying information such as social security numbers.
    - 2) In preparing a proposal, the offeror should be mindful of document preparation efforts for imaging purposes and storage capacity that will be required to image the proposals and should limit proposal content to items that provide substance, quality of content, and clarity of information.
  - c. Related to the above, the offeror should not include gimmicks or other promotional extravagances with the proposal. Samples of creative work or proposed plans are permissible, but must be related to the proposal. Multiple copies of such samples are not necessary.
- 3.1.3 To facilitate the evaluation process, the offeror is encouraged to organize their proposal into sections that correspond with the individual evaluation categories described herein. The offeror is cautioned that it is the offeror’s sole responsibility to submit information related to the evaluation categories and that the State of Missouri is under no obligation to solicit such information if it is not included with the proposal. The offeror’s failure to submit such information may cause an adverse impact on the evaluation of the proposal.
- a. Each section should be titled with each individual evaluation category and all material related to that category should be included therein.
  - b. The proposal should be page numbered.
  - c. The signed page one from the original RFP and all signed amendments should be placed at the beginning of the proposal.
- 3.1.4 Questions Regarding the RFP – Except as may be otherwise stated herein, the offeror and the offeror’s agents (including subcontractors, employees, consultants, or anyone else acting on their behalf) must direct all of their questions or comments regarding the RFP, the solicitation process, the evaluation, etc., to the buyer of record indicated on the first page of this RFP. Inappropriate contacts to other personnel

are grounds for suspension and/or exclusion from specific procurements. Offerors and their agents who have questions regarding this matter should contact the buyer.

- a. The buyer may be contacted via e-mail or phone as shown on the first page, or via facsimile to 573-526-9816.
- b. Only those questions which necessitate a change to the RFP will be addressed via an amendment to the RFP. Written records of the questions and answers will not be maintained. Offerors are advised that any questions received less than ten calendar days prior to the RFP opening date may not be addressed.
- c. The offeror may contact the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) regarding MBE/WBE certification or subcontracting with MBE/WBE companies.

**3.2 Competitive Negotiation of Proposals** - The offeror is advised that under the provisions of this Request for Proposal, the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management reserves the right to conduct negotiations of the proposals received or to award a contract without negotiations. If such negotiations are conducted, the following conditions shall apply:

- 3.2.1 Negotiations may be conducted in person, in writing, or by telephone.
- 3.2.2 Negotiations will only be conducted with potentially acceptable proposals. The Division of Purchasing and Materials Management reserves the right to limit negotiations to those proposals which received the highest rankings during the initial evaluation phase. All offerors involved in the negotiation process will be invited to submit a best and final offer.
- 3.2.3 Terms, conditions, prices, methodology, or other features of the offeror's proposal may be subject to negotiation and subsequent revision. As part of the negotiations, the offeror may be required to submit supporting financial, pricing and other data in order to allow a detailed evaluation of the feasibility, reasonableness, and acceptability of the proposal.
- 3.2.4 The mandatory requirements of the Request for Proposal shall not be negotiable and shall remain unchanged unless the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management determines that a change in such requirements is in the best interest of the State of Missouri.

**3.3 Evaluation and Award Process:**

- 3.3.1 After determining that a proposal satisfies the mandatory requirements stated in the Request for Proposal, the evaluator(s) shall use both objective analysis and subjective judgment in conducting a comparative assessment of the proposal in accordance with the evaluation criteria stated below. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest and best proposal.
  - a. Cost.....80 points
  - b. Experience, Reliability, Expertise of Personnel, and Method of Performance .....110 points
  - c. MBE/WBE Participation .....10 points
- 3.3.2 After an initial screening process, a question and answer conference or interview may be conducted with the offeror, if deemed necessary by the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management. In addition, the offeror may be asked to make an oral presentation of their proposal during the conference. Attendance cost at the conference shall be at the offeror's expense. All arrangements and scheduling shall be coordinated by the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management.

### 3.4 Evaluation of Cost:

- 3.4.1 Pricing – The offeror must provide pricing as required on the Pricing Page.
- 3.4.2 Objective Evaluation of Cost –The cost evaluation shall be based on the firm, fixed price per hour stated on the Pricing Page for each potential contract period.
- a. Cost evaluation points shall be determined from the result of the calculation stated above using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Lowest Responsive Offeror's Price}}{\text{Compared Offeror's Price}} \times \frac{\text{Maximum Cost Evaluation points (80)}}{1} = \text{Assigned Cost Points}$$

### 3.5 Evaluation of Offeror's Experience, Reliability, Expertise of Personnel, and Method of Performance:

- 3.5.1 Experience and reliability of the offeror's organization will be considered subjectively in the evaluation process. Therefore, the offeror is advised to submit information concerning the offeror's organization and information documenting the offeror's experience in past performances, especially those performances related to the requirements of this RFP. If the offeror is proposing an entity other than the offeror to perform the required services, the offeror should also submit the information requested for such proposed subcontractor.
- a. Offeror Information - The offeror should provide information about the offeror's organization on Exhibit A.
- b. Experience - The offeror should provide information related to previous and current services/contracts of the offeror or offeror's proposed subcontractor where performance was similar to the required services of this RFP. The information may be shown on Exhibit B or in a similar manner.
- 1) As part of the evaluation process, the State of Missouri may contact the offeror's references, including references not listed or identified within the offeror's proposal but who have current or previous experiences with the offeror.
  - 2) The offeror shall agree and understand that the State of Missouri is not obligated to contact the offeror's references.
- 3.5.2 The qualifications of the personnel proposed by the offeror to perform the requirements of this RFP, whether from the offeror's organization or from a proposed subcontractor, will be subjectively evaluated. Therefore, the offeror should submit detailed information related to the experience and qualifications, including education and training, of proposed personnel.
- a. Personnel Expertise - The offeror should provide the information requested on Exhibit C for each key person proposed to provide the services required herein.
- 1) The information provided should be structured to emphasize relevant qualifications and experience of the personnel in completing contracts/performing services of a similar size and scope to the requirements of this RFP.
  - 2) The information submitted should clearly identify previous experience of the person in performing similar services and should include beginning and ending dates, a description of the role of the person in such performances, results of the services performed, and whether the person is proposed for the same services for the State of Missouri.

- b. Personnel Qualifications - If personnel are not yet hired, the offeror should provide detailed descriptions of the required employment qualifications; and detailed job descriptions of the position to be filled, including the type of person proposed to be hired.

3.5.3 Proposals will be subjectively evaluated based on the offeror's plan for performing the requirements of the RFP. Therefore, the offeror should present information which demonstrates the method or manner in which the offeror proposes to satisfy these requirements and which confirms the offeror's ability to satisfy the requirements. The language of the narrative should be straightforward and limited to facts, solutions to problems, and plans of action.

- a. The offeror shall agree and understand that any methodology submitted in response to this RFP constitutes the offeror's ideas without input from the state agency. Acceptance of the offeror's proposal shall not constitute acceptance of the offeror's methodology/plans by the State of Missouri. Actual methodology shall be developed and accepted after award of the contract as specified in the contractual requirements.
- b. Offerors shall further understand that proposals will become public pursuant to RSMO 610.021. The State of Missouri does not guarantee nor assume any responsibility whatsoever in the event that any part of the offeror's proposal is used or copied by an individual person(s) or organization. The offeror must submit a proposal based on such conditions without reservation.

3.5.4 Description of Proposed Services - Exhibit D is provided for the offeror's use in providing information about the proposed method of performance. Unless a particular requirement isn't conducive to elaboration, each paragraph within the Contractual Requirements may be addressed by writing a description of how, when, by whom, with what, to what degree, why, and where the requirement will be satisfied and otherwise detailing the offeror's understanding of the requirements and ability and methodology to successfully perform. When responding to the appropriate provisions in the Contractual Requirements, the offeror should identify the paragraph or subparagraph number and then provide the additional elaboration describing the offeror's plans for performing or meeting the requirement.

### **3.6 Evaluation of Offeror's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)/ Women Business Enterprise (WBE) Participation:**

3.6.1 In order for the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management (DPMM) to meet the provisions of Executive Order 05-30, the offeror should secure participation of certified MBEs and WBEs in providing the products/services required in this RFP. The targets of participation recommended by the State of Missouri are 10% MBE and 5% WBE of the total dollar value of the contract.

- a. These targets can be met by a qualified MBE/WBE offeror themselves and/or through the use of qualified subcontractors, suppliers, joint ventures, or other arrangements that afford meaningful opportunities for MBE/WBE participation.
- b. The services performed or the products provided by MBE/WBEs must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract. Therefore, if the services performed or the products provided by MBE/WBEs is utilized, to any extent, in the offeror's obligations outside of the contract, it shall not be considered a valid added value to the contract and shall not qualify as participation in accordance with this clause.
- c. In order to be considered as meeting these targets, the MBE/WBEs must be "qualified" by the proposal opening date (date the proposal is due). (See below for a definition of a qualified MBE/WBE.)

3.6.2 The offeror's proposed participation of MBE/WBE firms in meeting the targets of the RFP will be considered in the evaluation process as specified below:

- a. If Participation Meets Target: Offerors proposing MBE and WBE participation percentages that meet the State of Missouri's target participation percentage of 10% for MBE and 5% for WBE shall be assigned the maximum stated MBE/WBE Participation evaluation points.
- b. If Participation Exceeds Target: Offerors proposing MBE and WBE participation percentages that exceed the State of Missouri's target participation shall be assigned the same MBE/WBE Participation evaluation points as those meeting the State of Missouri's target participation percentages stated above.
- c. If Participation Below Target: Offerors proposing MBE and WBE participation percentages that are lower than the State of Missouri's target participation percentages of 10% for MBE and 5% for WBE shall be assigned a proportionately lower number of the MBE/WBE Participation evaluation points than the maximum MBE/WBE Participation evaluation points.
- d. If No Participation: Offerors failing to propose any commercially useful MBE/WBE participation shall be assigned a score of 0 in this evaluation category.

3.6.3 MBE/WBE Participation evaluation points shall be assigned using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Offeror's Proposed MBE \%} \leq 10\% + \text{WBE \%} \leq 5\%}{\text{State's Target MBE \% (10) + WBE \% (5)}} \times \frac{\text{Maximum MBE/WBE Participation Evaluation points (10)}}{10} = \text{Assigned MBE/WBE Participation points}$$

3.6.4 If the offeror is proposing MBE/WBE participation, in order to receive evaluation consideration for MBE/WBE participation, the offeror must provide the following information with the proposal.

- a. **Participation Commitment** - If the offeror is proposing MBE/WBE participation, the offeror must complete Exhibit E, Participation Commitment, by listing each proposed MBE and WBE, the committed percentage of participation for each MBE and WBE, and the commercially useful products/services to be provided by the listed MBE and WBE. If the offeror submitting the proposal is a qualified MBE and/or WBE, the offeror must include the offeror in the appropriate table on the Participation Commitment Form.
- b. **Documentation of Intent to Participate** – The offeror must either provide a properly completed Exhibit F, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form, signed and dated no earlier than the RFP issuance date by each MBE and WBE proposed or must provide a letter of intent signed and dated no earlier than the RFP issuance date by each MBE and WBE proposed which: (1) must describe the products/services the MBE/WBE will provide and (2) should include evidence that the MBE/WBE is qualified, as defined herein (i.e., the MBE/WBE Certification Number or a copy of MBE/WBE certificate issued by the Missouri OEO). If the offeror submitting the proposal is a qualified MBE and/or WBE, the offeror is not required to complete Exhibit F, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form or provide a recently dated letter of intent.

3.6.5 **Commitment** – If the offeror's proposal is awarded, the percentage level of MBE/WBE participation committed to by the offeror on Exhibit E, Participation Commitment, shall be interpreted as a contractual requirement.

3.6.6 **Definition -- Qualified MBE/WBE:**

- a. In order to be considered a qualified MBE or WBE for purposes of this RFP, the MBE/WBE must be certified by the State of Missouri, Office of Administration, Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) by the proposal opening date.
- b. MBE or WBE means a business that is a sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, or corporation in which at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the ownership interest is held by minorities or women and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more minorities or women who own it.
- c. Minority is defined as belonging to one of the following racial minority groups: African Americans, Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, and other groups that may be recognized by the Office of Advocacy, United States Small Business Administration, Washington, D.C.

- 3.6.7 Resources - A listing of several resources that are available to assist offerors in their efforts to identify and secure the participation of qualified MBEs and WBEs is available at the website shown below or by contacting the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) at:

Office of Administration, Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO)  
Harry S Truman Bldg., Room 630, P.O. Box 809, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0809  
Phone: (877) 259-2963 or (573) 751-8130  
Fax: (573) 522-8078  
Web site: <http://oa.mo.gov/o eo/>

### **3.7 Miscellaneous Submittal Information:**

- 3.7.1 Organizations for the Blind and Sheltered Workshop Preference - Pursuant to section 34.165, RSMo, and 1 CSR 40-1.050, a ten (10) bonus point preference shall be granted to offerors including products and/or services manufactured, produced or assembled by a qualified nonprofit organization for the blind established pursuant to 41 U.S.C. sections 46 to 48c or a sheltered workshop holding a certificate of approval from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to section 178.920, RSMo.

- a. In order to qualify for the ten bonus points, the following conditions must be met and the following evidence must be provided:
  - 1) The offeror must either be an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop or must be proposing to utilize an organization for the blind/sheltered workshop as a subcontractor and/or supplier in an amount that must equal the greater of \$5,000 or 2% of the total dollar value of the contract for purchases not exceeding \$10 million.
  - 2) The services performed or the products provided by an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract. Therefore, if the services performed or the products provided by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop is utilized, to any extent, in the offeror's obligations outside of the contract, it shall not be considered a valid added value to the contract and shall not qualify as participation in accordance with this clause.
  - 3) If the offeror is proposing participation by an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, in order to receive evaluation consideration for participation by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, the offeror must provide the following information with the proposal:



- Participation Commitment - The offeror must complete Exhibit E, Participation Commitment, by identifying the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop and the commercially useful products/services to be provided by the listed organization for the blind or sheltered workshop. If the offeror submitting the proposal is an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, the offeror must be listed in the appropriate table on the Participation Commitment Form.
- Documentation of Intent to Participate – The offeror must either provide a properly completed Exhibit F, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form, signed and dated no earlier than the RFP issuance date by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop proposed or must provide a letter of intent signed and dated no earlier than the RFP issuance date by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop which: (1) must describe the products/services the organization for the blind/sheltered workshop will provide and (2) should include evidence of the organization for the blind/sheltered workshop qualifications (e.g. copy of certificate or Certificate Number for Missouri Sheltered Workshop). If the offeror submitting the proposal is an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, the offeror is not required to complete Exhibit F, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form or provide a recently dated letter of intent.

b. A list of Missouri sheltered workshops can be found at the following internet address:

<http://www.dese.mo.gov/divspeced/shelteredworkshops/index.html>.

c. The websites for the Missouri Lighthouse for the Blind and the Alphapointe Association for the Blind can be found at the following internet addresses:

<http://www.lhbindustries.com> and <http://www.alphapointe.org>

d. Commitment – If the offeror’s proposal is awarded, the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop participation committed to by the offeror on Exhibit E, Participation Commitment, shall be interpreted as a contractual requirement.

3.7.2 Missouri Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) Preference - Pursuant to section 34.074, RSMo, and 1 CSR 40-1.050, a three (3) point bonus preference shall be granted to offerors including products and/or services manufactured, produced or assembled by a qualified SDVE. (See below for a definition of a qualified SDVE.)

a. In order to qualify for the three bonus points, the following conditions must be met and the following evidence must be provided:

- 1) The offeror must either be a SDVE or must be proposing to utilize a SDVE as a subcontractor and/or supplier that provides at least three percent (3%) of the total contract value.
- 2) The services performed or the products provided by the SDVE must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract. Therefore, if the services performed or the products provided by the SDVE is utilized, to any extent, in the offeror’s obligations outside of the contract, it shall not be considered a valid added value to the contract and shall not qualify as participation in accordance with this clause.
- 3) If the offeror is proposing participation by a SDVE, in order to receive evaluation consideration for participation by the SDVE, the offeror must provide the following information with the proposal:

- Participation Commitment - The offeror must complete Exhibit E, Participation Commitment, by identifying each proposed SDVE, the committed percentage of

participation for each SDVE, and the commercially useful products/services to be provided by the listed SDVE. If the offeror submitting the proposal is a qualified SDVE, the offeror must be listed in the appropriate table on the Participation Commitment Form.

- Documentation of Intent to Participate – The offeror must either provide a properly completed Exhibit F, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form, signed and dated no earlier than the RFP issuance date by the SDVE or a letter of intent signed and dated no earlier than the RFP issuance date by the SDVE which: (1) must describe the products/services the SDVE will provide and (2) should include evidence that the SDVE is qualified, as defined herein. If the offeror submitting the proposal is a qualified SDVE, the offeror is not required to complete Exhibit F, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form or provide a recently dated letter of intent.

NOTE: If the SDVE is listed on the following Internet address, the SDVE is not required to provide a copy of the SDV's (service-disabled veteran) award letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs or a copy of the SDV's discharge paper [DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty], and a copy of the SDV's documentation certifying disability by the appropriate federal agency responsible for the administration of veterans' affairs. [www.oa.mo.gov/purch/vendorinfo/sdve.html](http://www.oa.mo.gov/purch/vendorinfo/sdve.html)

- b. Commitment – If the offeror's proposal is awarded, the SDVE participation committed to by the offeror on Exhibit E, Participation Commitment, shall be interpreted as a contractual requirement.
- c. Definition - Qualified SDVE:
  - 1) SDVE is doing business as a Missouri firm, corporation, or individual or maintaining a Missouri office or place of business, not including an office of a registered agent;
  - 2) SDVE has not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the business owned by one (1) or more service-disabled veterans (SDVs) or, in the case of any publicly-owned business, not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock of which is owned by one (1) or more SDVs;
  - 3) SDVE has the management and daily business operations controlled by one (1) or more SDVs;
  - 4) SDVE has a copy of the SDV's award letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs or a copy of the SDV's discharge paper (DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), and a copy of the SDV's documentation certifying disability by the appropriate federal agency responsible for the administration of veterans' affairs; and
  - 5) SDVE possesses the power to make day-to-day as well as major decisions on matters of management, policy, and operation.

3.7.3 Affidavit of Work Authorization and Documentation - Pursuant to section 285.530, RSMo, if the offeror meets the section 285.525, RSMo, definition of a "business entity" (<http://www.moga.mo.gov/statutes/C200-299/2850000525.HTM>), the offeror must affirm the offeror's enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services requested herein. The offeror should complete applicable portions of Exhibit G, Business Entity Certification, Enrollment Documentation, and Affidavit of Work Authorization. The applicable portions of Exhibit G must be submitted prior to an award of a contract.

3.7.4 The offeror should complete and submit Exhibit H, Miscellaneous Information.

- 3.7.5 Business Compliance - The offeror must be in compliance with the laws regarding conducting business in the State of Missouri. The offeror certifies by signing the signature page of this original document and any amendment signature page(s) that the offeror and any proposed subcontractors either are presently in compliance with such laws or shall be in compliance with such laws prior to any resulting contract award. The offeror shall provide documentation of compliance upon request by the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management. The compliance to conduct business in the state shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
- a. Registration of business name (if applicable)
  - b. Certificate of authority to transact business/certificate of good standing (if applicable)
  - c. Taxes (e.g., city/county/state/federal)
  - d. State and local certifications (e.g., professions/occupations/activities)
  - e. Licenses and permits (e.g., city/county license, sales permits)
  - f. Insurance (e.g., worker's compensation/unemployment compensation)

**4. PRICING PAGE****4.1 Firm, Fixed Price Per Hour:**

Line 001. The offeror shall provide a firm, fixed price for the original contract period and a maximum price for each potential renewal period for providing the services in accordance with the provisions and requirements of this RFP. (*commodity code 99562*)

<b><u>Contract Period</u></b>	<b><u>Pricing</u></b>	<b><u>Unit Description</u></b>
Original Contract Period	\$	Firm, Fixed Price Per Hour
1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal Period	\$	Maximum Price Per Hour
2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal Period	\$	Maximum Price Per Hour

**EXHIBIT A****OFFEROR INFORMATION**

The offeror should provide the following information about the offeror's organization:
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- a. Provide a brief company history, including the founding date, and number of years in business as currently constituted.
- b. Office - Identify the operating office location(s) and provide additional description/details about each such office, (history, number of employees, years at such location, facilities, accounts handled, etc.). Identify the offeror's website address, if any.
- c. Describe the structure of the organization including any board of directors, partners, top departmental management, etc., corporate organization, corporate trade affiliations, any parent/subsidiary affiliations with other firms.
- d. Document the offeror's current financial condition. If the offeror is a subsidiary, provide this information for the parent company. Audited financial statements for the last year will provide such documentation, however, they will become public information. Other information documenting financial solvency may be submitted.
- e. Identify those clients from the past six (6) years considered tour and travel clients (not just public relations and/or general product marketing). Provide a short description about the services performed.
- f. Provide a list of any tourism related accounts which might be considered a competing account where the State of Missouri needs to determine if a real or perceived conflict of interest exists.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**CURRENT/PRIOR EXPERIENCE**

The offeror should copy and complete this form documenting the offeror and subcontractor's current/prior experience considered relevant to the services required herein. In addition, the offeror is advised that if the contact person listed for verification of services is unable to be reached during the evaluation, the listed experience may not be considered.

<b>Offeror/Subcontractor Name:</b>	
<b>Reference Information (Prior Services Performed For:)</b>	
Name of Reference Company (Client):	
Address of Client:	
Reference Contact Person Name. Phone # and E-mail address:	
Name of Account:	
Dates of Services:	
Annual Dollar Value of Services	
Description of strategic goals of account and offeror's involvement in developing the strategic direction	
Description of services performed	
Personnel who provide services	
Results realized	

As the contact person for the company/client provided above, my signature below verifies that the information presented on this form is accurate. I understand that the information provided on this form is for verification purposes and does not address the quality of the services provided. I am available for contact by the State of Missouri for additional discussions regarding my/my company's association with the offeror referenced above:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Contact Person Verifying Information*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date of Signature*

**EXHIBIT C****EXPERTISE OF PERSONNEL***(copy and complete for any person proposed)*

<b>Name of Person:</b>	
<b>Title of Person:</b>	
Physical Domicile	
Educational Degree, include college or university, major, and dates	
Describe person's relationship to offeror. If employed, indicate # of years. If subcontractor, describe other/past working relationships.	
Previous employer(s), positions, & dates	
Experience Information:	Clearly identify the experience, provide dates, describe the person's role and extent of involvement in the experience
Experience in tour and travel industry (include number of years in total and individually by area. Include description of experience/specific market)	
experience in Missouri tour & travel	
experience in domestic tour & travel	
experience in international tour & travel	
Trade Show experience (include number of years experience and describe the different trade shows and services performed)	
Experience working with PR or Ad Agencies (include number of years and description of experience, including names of agencies worked for)	
Sales/marketing experience	

**Personnel Staffing Methodology**

Describe the person's planned duties/role proposed herein.	
Specify the approximate number of hours per month this person is proposed for services	

**EXHIBIT D****METHOD OF PERFORMANCE**

The offeror should present a written plan for performing the requirements specified in this Request for Proposal. In presenting such information, the offeror should specifically address each of the following issues:

1. The offeror should submit a proposed/draft action plan describing how the offeror will respond to work plan request(s).
2. The offeror should provide information regarding total staff resources available.
3. The offeror should attach an organizational chart showing the staffing and lines of authority for the key personnel to be used. The organizational chart should outline the team proposed for this project and the relationship of those team members to each other and to the management structure of the offeror's organization. The organizational chart should include (1) The relationship of service personnel to management and support personnel, (2) The names of the personnel and the working titles of each, and (3) Any proposed subcontractors including management, supervisory, and other key personnel.
4. The offeror should describe how services of the contract will be managed, controlled, and supervised in order to ensure satisfactory contract performance.
5. Economic Impact to Missouri The offeror should describe the economic advantages that will be realized as a result of the offeror performing the required services. The offeror should respond to the following:
  - Provide a description of the proposed services that will be performed and/or the proposed products that will be provided by Missourians and/or Missouri products.
  - Provide a description of the economic impact returned to the State of Missouri through tax revenue obligations.
  - Provide a description of the company's economic presence within the State of Missouri (e.g., type of facilities: sales offices; sales outlets; divisions; manufacturing; warehouse; other), including Missouri employee statistics.



**EXHIBIT E**  
**PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT**

**Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) and/or Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop and/or Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) Participation Commitment** – If the offeror is committing to participation by or if the offeror is a qualified MBE/WBE and/or organization for the blind/sheltered workshop and/or a qualified SDVE, the offeror must provide the required information in the appropriate table(s) below for the organization proposed and must submit the completed exhibit with the offeror's proposal.

For Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and/or Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) Participation, if proposing an entity certified as both MBE and WBE, the offeror must either (1) enter the participation percentage under MBE or WBE, **or** must (2) divide the participation between both MBE and WBE. If dividing the participation, do not state the total participation on both the MBE and WBE Participation Commitment tables below. Instead, divide the total participation as proportionately appropriate between the tables below.

<b>MBE Participation Commitment Table</b>		
(The services performed or the products provided by the listed MBE must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract.)		
<b>Name of Each Qualified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Proposed</b>	<b>Committed Percentage of Participation for Each MBE</b> (% of the Actual Total Contract Value)	<b>Description of Products/Services to be Provided by Listed MBE</b> <i>The offeror should also include the paragraph number(s) from the RFP which requires the service the MBE is proposed to perform.</i>
1.	%	Product/Service Proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
2.	%	Product/Service Proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
3.	%	Product/Service Proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
4.	%	Product/Service Proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
<b>Total MBE Percentage:</b>	<b>%</b>	

<b>WBE Participation Commitment Table</b>		
(The services performed or the products provided by the listed WBE must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract.)		
<b>Name of Each Qualified Women Business Enterprise (WBE) proposed</b>	<b>Committed Percentage of Participation for Each WBE</b> (% of the Actual Total Contract Value)	<b>Description of Products/Services to be Provided by Listed WBE</b> <i>The offeror should also include the paragraph number(s) from the RFP which requires the service the WBE is proposed to perform.</i>
1.	%	Product/Service Proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
2.	%	Product/Service Proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
3.	%	Product/Service Proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
4.	%	Product/Service Proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
<b>Total WBE Percentage:</b>	<b>%</b>	

<b>Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop Commitment Table</b>	
By completing this table, the offeror commits to the use of the organization at the greater of \$5,000 or 2% of the actual total dollar value of contract.	
(The services performed or the products provided by the listed Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract.)	
<b>Name of Organization for the Blind or Sheltered Workshop Proposed</b>	<b>Description of Products/Services to be Provided by Listed Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop</b> <i>The offeror should also include the paragraph number(s) from the RFP which requires the service the organization for the blind/sheltered workshop is proposed to perform.</i>
1.	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
2.	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:

SDVE Participation Commitment Table		
(The services performed or the products provided by the listed SDVE must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract.)		
Name of Each Qualified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) Proposed	Committed Percentage of Participation for Each SDVE (% of the Actual Total Contract Value)	Description of Products/Services to be Provided by Listed SDVE <i>The offeror should also include the paragraph number(s) from the RFP which requires the service the SDVE is proposed to perform.</i>
1.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
2.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
<b>Total SDVE Percentage:</b>	<b>%</b>	

**EXHIBIT F****DOCUMENTATION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE**

If the offeror is proposing to include the participation of a Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) and/or Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop and/or qualified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) in the provision of the products/services required in the RFP, the offeror must either provide a letter of intent, signed and dated no earlier than the RFP issuance date, from each organization documenting the following information, or complete and provide this Exhibit with the offeror's proposal.

~ Copy This Form For Each Organization Proposed ~

Offeror Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**This Section To Be Completed by Participating Organization:**

*By completing and signing this form, the undersigned hereby confirms the intent of the named participating organization to provide the products/services identified herein for the offeror identified above.*

Indicate appropriate business classification(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ MBE \_\_\_\_\_ WBE \_\_\_\_\_ Organization for the Blind \_\_\_\_\_ Sheltered Workshop \_\_\_\_\_ SDVE

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Name of MBE, WBE, Organization for the Blind, Sheltered Workshop, or SDVE)*

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (If SDVE, provide  
MO Address): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification # \_\_\_\_\_

SDVE's Website

Certification (or attach copy of certification)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Service-Disabled  
Veteran's (SDV) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SDV's

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please Print)*

**PRODUCTS/SERVICES PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION AGREED TO PROVIDE**

Describe the products/services you *(as the participating organization)* have agreed to provide:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Authorized Signature of Participating Organization  
(MBE, WBE, Organization for the Blind, Sheltered Workshop, or  
SDVE)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date  
(No earlier than the  
RFP issuance date)*

**DOCUMENTATION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE (continued)****SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SDVE)**

If the participating organization is an SDVE, then the SDVE must provide the following Service-Disabled Veteran (SDV) documents unless previously submitted within the past five (5) years to a Missouri state agency or public university:

- a copy of the SDV's award letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs or a copy of the SDV's discharge paper (DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty); and
- a copy of the SDV's documentation certifying disability by the appropriate federal agency responsible for the administration of veterans' affairs.

(NOTE: For ease of evaluation, please attach a copy of the SDV's award letter or a copy of the SDV's discharge paper, and a copy of the SDV's documentation certifying disability to this Exhibit. The SDV's award letter, the SDV's discharge paper, and the SDV's documentation certifying disability shall be considered confidential pursuant to subsection 14 of section 610.021, RSMo.)

If the SDVE previously submitted copies of the SDV's documents (the SDV's award letter or the SDV's discharge paper, and the SDV's documentation certifying disability) to a Missouri state agency or public university within the past five (5) years, the SDVE should provide the information requested below.

Name of **Missouri State Agency** or **Public University\*** to Which SDV's Documents were Submitted:

(\*Public University includes the following five schools under chapter 34, RSMo: Harris-Stowe State University – St. Louis; Missouri Southern State University – Joplin; Missouri Western State University – St. Joseph; Northwest Missouri State University – Maryville; Southeast Missouri State University – Cape Girardeau.)

Date of Previous SDV's Documents were Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous **Bid/Contract Number** for Which SDV's Documents were Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ (if known)

(NOTE: A qualified SDVE will be added to the SDVE listing maintained on the DPMM website ([www.oa.mo.gov/purch/vendorinfo/sdve.html](http://www.oa.mo.gov/purch/vendorinfo/sdve.html)) for up to five (5) years from the date listed above. However, if it has been determined that the SDVE at any time no longer meets the requirements stated above, the DPMM will remove the SDVE from the listing.)

**FOR STATE USE ONLY**

SDV Documents - Verification Completed By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Buyer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**EXHIBIT G**  
**BUSINESS ENTITY CERTIFICATION, ENROLLMENT DOCUMENTATION,**  
**AND AFFIDAVIT OF WORK AUTHORIZATION**

**BUSINESS ENTITY CERTIFICATION:**

**The offeror must certify their current business status by completing either Box A or Box B or Box C on this Exhibit.**

<b><u>BOX A:</u></b>	To be completed by a non-business entity as defined below.
<b><u>BOX B:</u></b>	To be completed by a business entity who has not yet completed and submitted documentation pertaining to the federal work authorization program as described at <a href="http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1185221678150.shtm">http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1185221678150.shtm</a> .
<b><u>BOX C:</u></b>	To be completed by a business entity who has current work authorization documentation on file with a Missouri state agency including Division of Purchasing and Materials Management.

**Business entity**, as defined in section 285.525, RSMo, pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo, is any person or group of persons performing or engaging in any activity, enterprise, profession, or occupation for gain, benefit, advantage, or livelihood. The term “**business entity**” shall include but not be limited to self-employed individuals, partnerships, corporations, contractors, and subcontractors. The term “**business entity**” shall include any business entity that possesses a business permit, license, or tax certificate issued by the state, any business entity that is exempt by law from obtaining such a business permit, and any business entity that is operating unlawfully without such a business permit. The term “**business entity**” shall not include a self-employed individual with no employees or entities utilizing the services of direct sellers as defined in subdivision (17) of subsection 12 of section 288.034, RSMo.

Note: Regarding governmental entities, business entity includes Missouri schools, Missouri universities (other than stated in Box C), out of state agencies, out of state schools, out of state universities, and political subdivisions. A business entity does not include Missouri state agencies and federal government entities.

**BOX A – CURRENTLY NOT A BUSINESS ENTITY**

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Company/Individual Name) **DOES NOT CURRENTLY MEET** the definition of a business entity, as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo as stated above, because: (check the applicable business status that applies below)

- ☐ - I am a self-employed individual with no employees; **OR**
- ☐ - The company that I represent employs the services of direct sellers as defined in subdivision (17) of subsection 12 of section 288.034, RSMo.

I certify that I am not an alien unlawfully present in the United States and if \_\_\_\_\_ (Company/Individual Name) is awarded a contract for the services requested herein under \_\_\_\_\_ (RFP Number) and if the business status changes during the life of the contract to become a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo then, prior to the performance of any services as a business entity, \_\_\_\_\_ (Company/Individual Name) agrees to complete Box B, comply with the requirements stated in Box B and provide the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management with all documentation required in Box B of this exhibit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Authorized Representative's Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Authorized Representative's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Company Name (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**EXHIBIT G, continued**

***(Complete the following if you DO NOT have the E-Verify documentation and a current Affidavit of Work Authorization already on file with the State of Missouri. If completing Box B, do not complete Box C.)***

**BOX B – CURRENT BUSINESS ENTITY STATUS**

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Business Entity Name) **MEETS** the definition of a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Business Entity Representative's  
Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Authorized Business Entity  
Representative's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Entity Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address

As a business entity, the offeror must perform/provide each of the following. The offeror should check each to verify completion/submission of all of the following:

- ☐ - Enroll and participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program (Website: [http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc\\_1185221678150.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1185221678150.shtm); Phone: 888-464-4218; Email: [e-verify@dhs.gov](mailto:e-verify@dhs.gov)) with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services required herein;
- AND
- ☐ - Provide documentation affirming said company's/individual's enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program. Documentation shall include EITHER the E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification page listing the offeror's name and company ID OR a page from the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) listing the offeror's name and the MOU signature page completed and signed, at minimum, by the offeror and the Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division. If the signature page of the MOU lists the offeror's name and company ID, then no additional pages of the MOU must be submitted;
- AND
- ☐ - Submit a completed, notarized Affidavit of Work Authorization provided on the next page of this Exhibit.

**EXHIBIT G, continued****AFFIDAVIT OF WORK AUTHORIZATION:**

The offeror who meets the section 285.525, RSMo, definition of a business entity must complete and return the following Affidavit of Work Authorization.

Comes now \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Business Entity Authorized Representative) as \_\_\_\_\_ (Position/Title) first being duly sworn on my oath, affirm \_\_\_\_\_ (Business Entity Name) is enrolled and will continue to participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services related to contract(s) with the State of Missouri for the duration of the contract(s), if awarded in accordance with subsection 2 of section 285.530, RSMo. I also affirm that \_\_\_\_\_ (Business Entity Name) does not and will not knowingly employ a person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services provided under the contract(s) for the duration of the contract(s), if awarded.

*In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct. (The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provided under section 575.040, RSMo.)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Authorized Representative's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Verify Company ID Number

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. I am  
(DAY) (MONTH, YEAR)  
commissioned as a notary public within the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of  
(NAME OF COUNTY)  
\_\_\_\_\_, and my commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(NAME OF STATE) (DATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Notary*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**EXHIBIT G, continued**

***(Complete the following if you have the E-Verify documentation and a current Affidavit of Work Authorization already on file with the State of Missouri. If completing Box C, do not complete Box B.)***

**BOX C – AFFIDAVIT ON FILE - CURRENT BUSINESS ENTITY STATUS**

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Business Entity Name) **MEETS** the definition of a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo and have enrolled and currently participates in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services related to contract(s) with the State of Missouri. We have previously provided documentation to a Missouri state agency or public university that affirms enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program. The documentation that was previously provided included the following.

- ✓ The E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification page OR a page from the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) listing the offeror's name and the MOU signature page completed and signed by the offeror and the Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division
- ✓ A current, notarized Affidavit of Work Authorization (must be completed, signed, and notarized within the past twelve months).

Name of **Missouri State Agency** or **Public University\*** to Which Previous E-Verify Documentation Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Public University includes the following five schools under chapter 34, RSMo: Harris-Stowe State University – St. Louis; Missouri Southern State University – Joplin; Missouri Western State University – St. Joseph; Northwest Missouri State University – Maryville; Southeast Missouri State University – Cape Girardeau.)

**Date** of Previous E-Verify Documentation Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous **Bid/Contract Number** for Which Previous E-Verify Documentation Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ (if known)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Business Entity Representative's  
Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Authorized Business Entity  
Representative's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Entity Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Verify MOU Company ID Number

**FOR STATE OF MISSOURI USE ONLY**

Documentation Verification Completed By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Buyer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**EXHIBIT H****MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION****Outside United States**

If any products and/or services offered under this RFP are being manufactured or performed at sites outside the United States, the offeror MUST disclose such fact and provide details in the space below or on an attached page.

Are products and/or services being manufactured or performed at sites outside the United States?	Yes _____	No _____
Describe and provide details:		

**Employee/Conflict of Interest:**

Offerors who are elected or appointed officials or employees of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof, serving in an executive or administrative capacity, must comply with sections 105.450 to 105.458, RSMo, regarding conflict of interest. If the offeror or any owner of the offeror's organization is currently an elected or appointed official or an employee of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof, please provide the following information:	
Name and title of elected or appointed official or employee of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof:	
If employee of the State of Missouri or political subdivision thereof, provide name of state agency or political subdivision where employed:	
Percentage of ownership interest in offeror's organization held by elected or appointed official or employee of the State of Missouri or political subdivision thereof:	_____ %

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
DIVISION OF PURCHASING AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**1. TERMINOLOGY/DEFINITIONS**

Whenever the following words and expressions appear in a Request for Proposal (RFP) document or any amendment thereto, the definition or meaning described below shall apply.

- a. **Agency and/or State Agency** means the statutory unit of state government in the State of Missouri for which the equipment, supplies, and/or services are being purchased by the **Division of Purchasing and Materials Management (DPMM)**. The agency is also responsible for payment.
- b. **Amendment** means a written, official modification to an RFP or to a contract.
- c. **Attachment** applies to all forms which are included with an RFP to incorporate any informational data or requirements related to the performance requirements and/or specifications.
- d. **Proposal Opening Date and Time** and similar expressions mean the exact deadline required by the RFP for the receipt of sealed proposals.
- e. **Offeror** means the person or organization that responds to an RFP by submitting a proposal with prices to provide the equipment, supplies, and/or services as required in the RFP document.
- f. **Buyer** means the procurement staff member of the DPMM. The **Contact Person** as referenced herein is usually the Buyer.
- g. **Contract** means a legal and binding agreement between two or more competent parties, for a consideration for the procurement of equipment, supplies, and/or services.
- h. **Contractor** means a person or organization who is a successful offeror as a result of an RFP and who enters into a contract.
- i. **Exhibit** applies to forms which are included with an RFP for the offeror to complete and submit with the sealed proposal prior to the specified opening date and time.
- j. **Request for Proposal (RFP)** means the solicitation document issued by the DPMM to potential offerors for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and/or services as described in the document. The definition includes these Terms and Conditions as well as all Pricing Pages, Exhibits, Attachments, and Amendments thereto.
- k. **May** means that a certain feature, component, or action is permissible, but not required.
- l. **Must** means that a certain feature, component, or action is a mandatory condition.
- m. **Pricing Page(s)** applies to the form(s) on which the offeror must state the price(s) applicable for the equipment, supplies, and/or services required in the RFP. The pricing pages must be completed and submitted by the offeror with the sealed proposal prior to the specified proposal opening date and time.
- n. **RSMo (Revised Statutes of Missouri)** refers to the body of laws enacted by the Legislature which govern the operations of all agencies of the State of Missouri. Chapter 34 of the statutes is the primary chapter governing the operations of DPMM.
- o. **Shall** has the same meaning as the word **must**.
- p. **Should** means that a certain feature, component and/or action is desirable but not mandatory.

**2. APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

- a. The contract shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Missouri. The contractor shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the performance of the contract to the extent that the same may be applicable.
- b. To the extent that a provision of the contract is contrary to the Constitution or laws of the State of Missouri or of the United States, the provisions shall be void and unenforceable. However, the balance of the contract shall remain in force between the parties unless terminated by consent of both the contractor and the DPMM.
- c. The contractor must be registered and maintain good standing with the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri and other regulatory agencies, as may be required by law or regulations.
- d. The contractor must timely file and pay all Missouri sales, withholding, corporate and any other required Missouri tax returns and taxes, including interest and additions to tax.
- e. The exclusive venue for any legal proceeding relating to or arising out of the RFP or resulting contract shall be in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri.
- f. The contractor shall only employ personnel authorized to work in the United States in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and Executive Order 07-13 for work performed in the United States.

**3. OPEN COMPETITION/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENT**

- a. It shall be the offeror's responsibility to ask questions, request changes or clarification, or otherwise advise the DPMM if any language, specifications or requirements of an RFP appear to be ambiguous, contradictory, and/or arbitrary, or appear to inadvertently restrict or limit the requirements stated in the RFP to a single source. Any and all communication from offerors regarding specifications, requirements, competitive proposal process, etc., must be directed to the buyer from the DPMM, unless the RFP specifically refers the offeror to another contact. Such e-mail, fax, or phone communication should be received at least ten calendar days prior to the official proposal opening date.
- b. Every attempt shall be made to ensure that the offeror receives an adequate and prompt response. However, in order to maintain a fair and equitable procurement process, all offerors will be advised, via the issuance of an amendment to the RFP, of any relevant or pertinent information related to the procurement. Therefore, offerors are advised that unless specified elsewhere in the RFP, any questions received less than ten calendar days prior to the RFP opening date may not be answered.
- c. Offerors are cautioned that the only official position of the State of Missouri is that which is issued by the DPMM in the RFP or an amendment thereto. No other means of communication, whether oral or written, shall be construed as a formal or official response or statement.
- d. The DPMM monitors all procurement activities to detect any possibility of deliberate restraint of competition, collusion among offerors, price-fixing by offerors, or any other anticompetitive conduct by offerors which appears to violate state and federal antitrust laws. Any suspected violation shall be referred to the Missouri Attorney General's Office for appropriate action.
- e. The RFP is available for viewing and downloading on the state's On-Line Bidding/Vendor Registration System website. Premium registered offerors are electronically notified of the proposal opportunity based on the information maintained in the State of Missouri's vendor database. If a Premium registered offeror's e-mail address is incorrect, the offeror must update the e-mail address themselves on the state's On-Line Bidding/Vendor Registration System website.
- f. The DPMM reserves the right to officially amend or cancel an RFP after issuance. It shall be the sole responsibility of the offeror to monitor the State of Missouri On-Line Bidding/Vendor Registration System website at: <https://www.moolb.mo.gov> to obtain a copy of the amendment(s). Premium registered offerors who received e-mail notification of the proposal opportunity when the RFP was established and Premium registered offerors who have responded to the RFP on-line prior to an amendment being issued will receive e-mail notification of the amendment(s). Premium registered offerors who received e-mail notification of the proposal opportunity when the RFP was established and Premium registered offerors who have responded to the proposal on-line prior to a cancellation being issued will receive e-mail notification of a cancellation issued prior to the exact closing time and date specified in the RFP.

**4. PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS**

- a. Offerors **must** examine the entire RFP carefully. Failure to do so shall be at offeror's risk.
- b. Unless otherwise specifically stated in the RFP, all specifications and requirements constitute minimum requirements. All proposals must meet or exceed the stated specifications and requirements.
- c. Unless otherwise specifically stated in the RFP, any manufacturer names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification and/or requirement are for informational purposes only and are not intended to limit competition. The offeror may offer any brand which meets or exceeds the specification for any item, but must state the manufacturer's name and model number for any such brands in the proposal. In addition, the offeror shall explain, in detail, (1) the reasons why the proposed equivalent meets or exceeds the specifications and/or requirements and (2) why the proposed equivalent should not be considered an exception thereto. Proposals which do not comply with the requirements and specifications are subject to rejection without clarification.
- d. Proposals lacking any indication of intent to offer an alternate brand or to take an exception shall be received and considered in complete compliance with the specifications and requirements as listed in the RFP.
- e. In the event that the offeror is an agency of state government or other such political subdivision which is prohibited by law or court decision from complying with certain provisions of an RFP, such an offeror may submit a proposal which contains a list of statutory limitations and identification of those prohibitive clauses. The offeror should include a complete list of statutory references and citations for each provision of the RFP, which is affected by this paragraph. The statutory limitations and prohibitive clauses may (1) be requested to be clarified in writing by DPMM or (2) be accepted without further clarification if the statutory limitations and prohibitive clauses are deemed acceptable by DPMM. If DPMM determines clarification of the statutory limitations and prohibitive clauses is necessary, the clarification will be conducted in order to agree to language that reflects the intent and compliance of such law and/or court order and the RFP.
- f. All equipment and supplies offered in a proposal must be new, of current production, and available for marketing by the manufacturer unless the RFP clearly specifies that used, reconditioned, or remanufactured equipment and supplies may be offered.
- g. Prices shall include all packing, handling and shipping charges FOB destination, freight prepaid and allowed unless otherwise specified in the RFP.
- h. Proposals, including all prices therein, shall remain valid for 90 days from proposal opening or Best and Final Offer (BAFO) submission unless otherwise indicated. If the proposal is accepted, the entire proposal, including all prices, shall be firm for the specified contract period.
- i. Any foreign offeror not having an Employer Identification Number assigned by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) must submit a completed IRS Form W-8 prior to or with the submission of their proposal in order to be considered for award.

## 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

- a. Proposals may be submitted by delivery of a hard copy to the DPMM office. Electronic submission of proposals by Premium registered offerors through the State of Missouri's On-Line Bidding/Vendor Registration System website is not available unless stipulated in the RFP. Delivered proposals must be sealed in an envelope or container, and received in the DPMM office located at 301 West High St, Rm 630 in Jefferson City, MO no later than the exact opening time and date specified in the RFP. All proposals must (1) be submitted by a duly authorized representative of the offeror's organization, (2) contain all information required by the RFP, and (3) be priced as required. Hard copy proposals may be mailed to the DPMM post office box address. However, it shall be the responsibility of the offeror to ensure their proposal is in the DPMM office (address listed above) no later than the exact opening time and date specified in the RFP.
- b. The sealed envelope or container containing a proposal should be clearly marked on the outside with (1) the official RFP number and (2) the official opening date and time. Different proposals should not be placed in the same envelope, although copies of the same proposal may be placed in the same envelope.
- c. A proposal submitted electronically by a Premium registered offeror may be modified on-line prior to the official opening date and time. A proposal which has been delivered to the DPMM office, may be modified by signed, written notice which has been received by the DPMM prior to the official opening date and time specified. A proposal may also be modified in person by the offeror or its authorized representative, provided proper identification is presented before the official opening date and time. Telephone or telegraphic requests to modify a proposal shall not be honored.
- d. A proposal submitted electronically by a Premium registered offeror may be canceled on-line prior to the official opening date and time. A proposal which has been delivered to the DPMM office, may only be withdrawn by a signed, written document on company letterhead transmitted via mail, e-mail, or facsimile which has been received by the DPMM prior to the official opening date and time specified. A proposal may also be withdrawn in person by the offeror or its authorized representative, provided proper identification is presented before the official opening date and time. Telephone or telegraphic requests to withdraw a proposal shall not be honored.
- e. A proposal may also be withdrawn after the proposal opening through submission of a written request by an authorized representative of the offeror. Justification of withdrawal decision may include a significant error or exposure of proposal information that may cause irreparable harm to the offeror.
- f. When submitting a proposal electronically, the Premium registered offeror indicates acceptance of all RFP terms and conditions by clicking on the "Submit" button on the Electronic Bid Response Entry form. Offerors delivering a hard copy proposal to DPMM must sign and return the RFP cover page or, if applicable, the cover page of the last amendment thereto in order to constitute acceptance by the offeror of all RFP terms and conditions. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the proposal unless the offeror's full compliance with those documents is indicated elsewhere within the offeror's response.
- g. Faxed proposals shall not be accepted. However, faxed and e-mail no-bid notifications shall be accepted.

## 6. PROPOSAL OPENING

- a. Proposal openings are public on the opening date and at the opening time specified on the RFP document. Only the names of the respondents shall be read at the proposal opening. Premium registered vendors may view the same proposal response information on the state's On-Line Bidding/Vendor Registration System website. The contents of the responses shall not be disclosed at this time.
- b. Proposals which are not received in the DPMM office prior to the official opening date and time shall be considered late, regardless of the degree of lateness, and normally will not be opened. Late proposals may only be opened under extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 1 CSR 40-1.050.

## 7. PREFERENCES

- a. In the evaluation of proposals, preferences shall be applied in accordance with chapter 34, RSMo, other applicable Missouri statutes, and applicable Executive Orders. Contractors should apply the same preferences in selecting subcontractors.
- b. By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to materials, products, supplies, provisions and all other articles produced, manufactured, mined, processed or grown within the State of Missouri and to all firms, corporations or individuals doing business as Missouri firms, corporations or individuals. Such preference shall be given when quality is equal or better and delivered price is the same or less.
- c. In accordance with Executive Order 05-30, contractors are encouraged to utilize certified minority and women-owned businesses in selecting subcontractors.

## 8. EVALUATION/AWARD

- a. Any clerical error, apparent on its face, may be corrected by the buyer before contract award. Upon discovering an apparent clerical error, the buyer shall contact the offeror and request clarification of the intended proposal. The correction shall be incorporated in the notice of award. Examples of apparent clerical errors are: 1) misplacement of a decimal point; and 2) obvious mistake in designation of unit.
- b. Any pricing information submitted by an offeror shall be subject to evaluation if deemed by the DPMM to be in the best interest of the State of Missouri.

- c. The offeror is encouraged to propose price discounts for prompt payment or propose other price discounts that would benefit the State of Missouri. However, unless otherwise specified in the RFP, pricing shall be evaluated at the maximum potential financial liability to the State of Missouri.
- d. Awards shall be made to the offeror whose proposal (1) complies with all mandatory specifications and requirements of the RFP and (2) is the lowest and best proposal, considering price, responsibility of the offeror, and all other evaluation criteria specified in the RFP and any subsequent negotiations and (3) complies with chapter 34, RSMo, other applicable Missouri statutes, and all applicable Executive Orders.
- e. In the event all offerors fail to meet the same mandatory requirement in an RFP, DPMM reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive that requirement for all offerors and to proceed with the evaluation. In addition, the DPMM reserves the right to waive any minor irregularity or technicality found in any individual proposal.
- f. The DPMM reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.
- g. When evaluating a proposal, the State of Missouri reserves the right to consider relevant information and fact, whether gained from a proposal, from an offeror, from offeror's references, or from any other source.
- h. Any information submitted with the proposal, regardless of the format or placement of such information, may be considered in making decisions related to the responsiveness and merit of a proposal and the award of a contract.
- i. Negotiations may be conducted with those offerors who submit potentially acceptable proposals. Proposal revisions may be permitted for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers. In conducting negotiations, there shall be no disclosure of any information submitted by competing offerors.
- j. Any award of a contract shall be made by notification from the DPMM to the successful offeror. The DPMM reserves the right to make awards by item, group of items, or an all or none basis. The grouping of items awarded shall be determined by DPMM based upon factors such as item similarity, location, administrative efficiency, or other considerations in the best interest of the State of Missouri.
- k. Pursuant to section 610.021, RSMo, proposals and related documents shall not be available for public review until after a contract is executed or all proposals are rejected.
- l. The DPMM posts all proposal results on the On-line Bidding/Vendor Registration System website for Premium registered offerors to view for a reasonable period after proposal award and maintains images of all proposal file material for review. Offerors who include an e-mail address with their proposal will be notified of the award results via e-mail.
- m. The DPMM reserves the right to request clarification of any portion of the offeror's response in order to verify the intent of the offeror. The offeror is cautioned, however, that its response may be subject to acceptance or rejection without further clarification.
- n. Any proposal award protest must be received within ten (10) business days after the date of award in accordance with the requirements of 1 CSR 40-1.050 (9).
- o. The final determination of contract(s) award shall be made by DPMM.

## 9. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER

- a. By submitting a proposal, the offeror agrees to furnish any and all equipment, supplies and/or services specified in the RFP, at the prices quoted, pursuant to all requirements and specifications contained therein.
- b. A binding contract shall consist of: (1) the RFP, amendments thereto, and any Best and Final Offer (BAFO) request(s) with RFP changes/additions, (2) the contractor's proposal including any contractor BAFO response(s), (3) clarification of the proposal, if any, and (4) DPMM's acceptance of the proposal by "notice of award" or by "purchase order." All Exhibits and Attachments included in the RFP shall be incorporated into the contract by reference.
- c. A notice of award issued by the State of Missouri does not constitute an authorization for shipment of equipment or supplies or a directive to proceed with services. Before providing equipment, supplies and/or services for the State of Missouri, the contractor must receive a properly authorized purchase order or other form of authorization given to the contractor at the discretion of the state agency.
- d. The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties and performance shall be governed solely by the specifications and requirements contained therein. Any change to the contract, whether by modification and/or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representative of the contractor and the DPMM or by a modified purchase order prior to the effective date of such modification. The contractor expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document, including correspondence, acts, and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment or modification to the contract.

## 10. INVOICING AND PAYMENT

- a. The State of Missouri does not pay state or federal taxes unless otherwise required under law or regulation.
- b. The statewide financial management system has been designed to capture certain receipt and payment information. For each purchase order received, an invoice must be submitted that references the purchase order number and must be itemized in accordance with items listed on the purchase order. Failure to comply with this requirement may delay processing of invoices for payment.
- c. The contractor shall not transfer any interest in the contract, whether by assignment or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the DPMM.
- d. Payment for all equipment, supplies, and/or services required herein shall be made in arrears unless otherwise indicated in the RFP.
- e. The State of Missouri assumes no obligation for equipment, supplies, and/or services shipped or provided in excess of the quantity ordered. Any unauthorized quantity is subject to the state's rejection and shall be returned at the contractor's expense.
- f. All invoices for equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased by the State of Missouri shall be subject to late payment charges as provided in section 34.055, RSMo.
- g. The State of Missouri reserves the right to purchase goods and services using the state purchasing card.

## 11. DELIVERY

Time is of the essence. Deliveries of equipment, supplies, and/or services must be made no later than the time stated in the contract or within a reasonable period of time, if a specific time is not stated.

## 12. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

- a. No equipment, supplies, and/or services received by an agency of the state pursuant to a contract shall be deemed accepted until the agency has had reasonable opportunity to inspect said equipment, supplies, and/or services.
- b. All equipment, supplies, and/or services which do not comply with the specifications and/or requirements or which are otherwise unacceptable or defective may be rejected. In addition, all equipment, supplies, and/or services which are discovered to be defective or which do not conform to any warranty of the contractor upon inspection (or at any later time if the defects contained were not reasonably ascertainable upon the initial inspection) may be rejected.
- c. The State of Missouri reserves the right to return any such rejected shipment at the contractor's expense for full credit or replacement and to specify a reasonable date by which replacements must be received.
- d. The State of Missouri's right to reject any unacceptable equipment, supplies, and/or services shall not exclude any other legal, equitable or contractual remedies the state may have.

### **13. WARRANTY**

- a. The contractor expressly warrants that all equipment, supplies, and/or services provided shall: (1) conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample or other description which was furnished to or adopted by the DPMM, (2) be fit and sufficient for the purpose expressed in the RFP, (3) be merchantable, (4) be of good materials and workmanship, and (5) be free from defect.
- b. Such warranty shall survive delivery and shall not be deemed waived either by reason of the state's acceptance of or payment for said equipment, supplies, and/or services.

### **14. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- a. Elected or appointed officials or employees of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof, serving in an executive or administrative capacity, must comply with sections 105.452 and 105.454, RSMo, regarding conflict of interest.
- b. The contractor hereby covenants that at the time of the submission of the proposal the contractor has no other contractual relationships which would create any actual or perceived conflict of interest. The contractor further agrees that during the term of the contract neither the contractor nor any of its employees shall acquire any other contractual relationships which create such a conflict.

### **15. REMEDIES AND RIGHTS**

- a. No provision in the contract shall be construed, expressly or implied, as a waiver by the State of Missouri of any existing or future right and/or remedy available by law in the event of any claim by the State of Missouri of the contractor's default or breach of contract.
- b. The contractor agrees and understands that the contract shall constitute an assignment by the contractor to the State of Missouri of all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action that the contractor may have under the antitrust laws of the United States or the State of Missouri for which causes of action have accrued or will accrue as the result of or in relation to the particular equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased or procured by the contractor in the fulfillment of the contract with the State of Missouri.

### **16. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT**

- a. In the event of material breach of the contractual obligations by the contractor, the DPMM may cancel the contract. At its sole discretion, the DPMM may give the contractor an opportunity to cure the breach or to explain how the breach will be cured. The actual cure must be completed within no more than 10 working days from notification, or at a minimum the contractor must provide DPMM within 10 working days from notification a written plan detailing how the contractor intends to cure the breach.
- b. If the contractor fails to cure the breach or if circumstances demand immediate action, the DPMM will issue a notice of cancellation terminating the contract immediately. If it is determined the DPMM improperly cancelled the contract, such cancellation shall be deemed a termination for convenience in accordance with the contract.
- c. If the DPMM cancels the contract for breach, the DPMM reserves the right to obtain the equipment, supplies, and/or services to be provided pursuant to the contract from other sources and upon such terms and in such manner as the DPMM deems appropriate and charge the contractor for any additional costs incurred thereby.
- d. The contractor understands and agrees that funds required to fund the contract must be appropriated by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri for each fiscal year included within the contract period. The contract shall not be binding upon the state for any period in which funds have not been appropriated, and the state shall not be liable for any costs associated with termination caused by lack of appropriations.

### **17. COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES**

Any notice to the offeror/contractor shall be deemed sufficient when deposited in the United States mail postage prepaid, transmitted by facsimile, transmitted by e-mail or hand-carried and presented to an authorized employee of the offeror/contractor.

### **18. BANKRUPTCY OR INSOLVENCY**

- a. Upon filing for any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding by or against the contractor, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assignee for the benefit of creditors, the contractor must notify the DPMM immediately.
- b. Upon learning of any such actions, the DPMM reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to either cancel the contract or affirm the contract and hold the contractor responsible for damages.

### **19. INVENTIONS, PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS**

The contractor shall defend, protect, and hold harmless the State of Missouri, its officers, agents, and employees against all suits of law or in equity resulting from patent and copyright infringement concerning the contractor's performance or products produced under the terms of the contract.

### **20. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

In connection with the furnishing of equipment, supplies, and/or services under the contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall agree not to discriminate against recipients of services or employees or applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status unless otherwise provided by law. If the contractor or subcontractor employs at least 50 persons, they shall have and maintain an affirmative action program which shall include:

- a. A written policy statement committing the organization to affirmative action and assigning management responsibilities and procedures for evaluation and dissemination;
- b. The identification of a person designated to handle affirmative action;
- c. The establishment of non-discriminatory selection standards, objective measures to analyze recruitment, an upward mobility system, a wage and salary structure, and standards applicable to layoff, recall, discharge, demotion, and discipline;
- d. The exclusion of discrimination from all collective bargaining agreements; and
- e. Performance of an internal audit of the reporting system to monitor execution and to provide for future planning.

If discrimination by a contractor is found to exist, the DPMM shall take appropriate enforcement action which may include, but not necessarily be limited to, cancellation of the contract, suspension, or debarment by the DPMM until corrective action by the contractor is made and ensured, and referral to the Attorney General's Office, whichever enforcement action may be deemed most appropriate.

## **21. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

In connection with the furnishing of equipment, supplies, and/or services under the contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with all applicable requirements and provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

## **22. FILING AND PAYMENT OF TAXES**

The commissioner of administration and other agencies to which the state purchasing law applies shall not contract for goods or services with a vendor if the vendor or an affiliate of the vendor makes sales at retail of tangible personal property or for the purpose of storage, use, or consumption in this state but fails to collect and properly pay the tax as provided in chapter 144, RSMo. For the purposes of this section, "affiliate of the vendor" shall mean any person or entity that is controlled by or is under common control with the vendor, whether through stock ownership or otherwise. Therefore offeror's failure to maintain compliance with chapter 144, RSMo, may eliminate their proposal from consideration for award.

## **23. TITLES**

Titles of paragraphs used herein are for the purpose of facilitating reference only and shall not be construed to infer a contractual construction of language.

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